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In re application of :

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Serial No. NEW : Attn: Application Branch

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$\beta$ -FRUCTOFURANOSIDASE AND ITS  
GENE, METHOD OF ISOLATING  
 $\beta$ -FRUCTOFURANOSIDASE GENE,  
SYSTEM FOR PRODUCING  
 $\beta$ -FRUCTOFURANOSIDASE, AND  
 $\beta$ -FRUCTOFURANOSIDASE VARIANT  
**(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application  
of Serial No. 09/142,623,  
Filed September 10, 1998)**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, kindly amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Page 1, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

This application is a Divisional application of Serial No. 09/142,623, filed

September 10, 1998, now allowed, which is a 371 of PCT/JP97/00757, filed March 11, 1997,  
which is pending.

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